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SUBJ: DUPREE INSTITUTE IDEA

NEA/PAB ONLY - PASS AMBASSADOR ELIOT

1. HAVE DISCUSSED DUPREE'S IDEA OF AN AFGHAN-AMERICAN  
ARCHEOLOGICAL ISTITUTE (AAAI) WITH USIS AND AFAMEC.  
REACTION WAS NEGATIVE.

2. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF OBJECTIONS IN THE ORDER GIVEN WITH  
SOME COMMENTS IN EACH CASE FROM ME:

A) AAAI DOES NOT MEET GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA)  
DESIRE WHICH IS TO HAVE A GOVERNMENT ENTITY ACCOUNTABLE FOR  
SCHOLARLY WORK DONE, SIMILAR TO THE BRITISH SET-UP.

RTC COMMENT: I THINK WE COULD PROBABLY MAKE THE AAAI  
SOUND AS "OFFICIALZ AS GOA WANTS. WITH REGARD TO ACCOUNTABILITY,  
THIS COULD PROBABLY BE HANDLED AS EACH PROJECT WAS DRAWN UP AND  
APPROVED BY GOA.

B) THE IDEA OF GOA SIGNING SEVEN-YEAR CONTRACT IS UNREALISTIC.

RTC COMMENT: WHY NOT TRY ANYWAY?

C) USIS/AFAMEC BETTER ABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR  
SCHOLARS AND DUPREE NOT A GOOD CHOICE SINCE HE HAS ACTIVE  
INTERESTS OF HISNHWN AND WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE TO HELP  
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OTHER SCHOLARS. ALSO, DUPREE HAS SERIOUSLY UNDERESTIMATED

THE FUNDS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT A VIABLE AAAI.

RTC COMMENT: I THINK THESE POINTS HAVE SOME VALIDITY. WOODWARD AND I UNABLE TO COST OUT BUDGET, BUT YOU MIGHT MULL OVER THE IDEA OF PROPOSING SAY \$60,000 FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A RESIDENT STAFFER (PROBABLY A GRADUATE STUDENT) IN A SMALL COMPOUND SEPARATE FROM DUPREE WITH LOUIS AVAILABLE TO CONSULT AND ADVISE. IF YOU WISH I WILL WAVE THIS IDEA PAST THE DUPREES WHEN THEY GET BACK FROM KANDAHAR.

D) SMITHSONIAN AND OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS WON'T WORK THROUGH AN AAAI UNDER AMERICAN UNIVERSITY FIELD SERVICE (AUF) LEADERSHIP. ALSO AUF IS NOT LIKED BY SOME (UNSPECIFIED) UNIVERSITIES.

RTC COMMENT: SEEMS TO ME YOU COULD RESOLVE SMITHSONIAN QUESTION WITH A PHONE CALL. I PLAN TO MENTION TO TROUSDALBDIN VERY GENERAL TERMS UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE SOME OBJECTIONS. I CAN'T EVALUATE USIS ASSERTIONS ON THE REPUTATION OF AUF. PERHAPS YOU COULD EXPLORE THIS DELICATELY WITH PHIL TALBOT.

3. CONCLUSION: I THINK YOU SHOULD PRESS ON IN EXPLORING THE AAAI IDEA WITHOUT, PERHAPS, TYING YOURSELF TO THE AUF SOLUTION UNTIL WE GET SOME ANSWERS ESPECIALLY TO PARAS 2C AND 2D. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING, FOR EXAMPLE, TO FIND OUT WHETHER TALBOT OR YOUR OTHER CONTACTS THINK THERE IS FOUNDATION MONEY TO SUPPORT AN INSTITUTE LIKE AAAI IN AFGHANISTAN OVER SEVERAL YEARS.

4. HAVE REVIEWED SUBSTANCE OF THIS CABLE WITH VERNER.

5. PLEASE SLUG REPLY FOR CHARGE/ADCM ONLY.

6. WARM REGARDS.  
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